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FOR: Brig. Gen. Carey A. Randall  
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Attached is the Director's  
letter to the Secretary of Defense  
which Mr. Dulles called you about.

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The Honorable Neil H. McElroy/  
 The Secretary of Defense  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Neil:

Some days ago I mentioned to you and Don Quarles that Senator Byrnes had called to see me with Colonel Tom G. Lanphier, Ret., largely about Soviet ballistic missile capabilities.

I sent a copy of the memorandum of this conversation, dated 18 August 1958, to General Goodpaster who showed it to the Boss. I understand that he may be speaking to you about it. General Goodpaster asked me to pass on to you a copy of the memorandum, which is enclosed.

I would add that at the last meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, in Executive Session, I read a copy of this memorandum to the IAC members so that they would know, in confidence, of the information which was being spread around which was totally inconsistent with our agreed estimates as to Soviet testings and other capabilities in the ballistic missile field.

As the memorandum points out, I made it clear to Senator Byrnes that Lanphier's analysis of the Soviet situation with regard to ballistic missiles was not based upon any reliable intelligence and that I could not conceive of any intelligence sources in government from which he could have received the type of information he was quoting to me.

Faithfully yours,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles

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